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Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting

Meeting Information

<u>Date</u>: March 15, 2006 <u>Time</u>: Noon <u>Place</u>: Room 4112

State Office Building

Board Members (Attendees = x)

xDominic Sanone, Chairman xWayne Carlos, Vice-Chairman

xRick T. WestmorelandRalph CragunxMichael WeddingtonMickey BraunBert ChristensonAndrew D. Bilanzich

Insurance Department Staff

xPerri Babalis Darrel Powell xTara Buehner xCathy Howick xGabriel Vega xTracy Klausmeier xJilene Whitby Sandy Glaze

Public

xDarren R. Brady xLeo C. Brady

MINUTES

Welcome

Dominic began the meeting at 12:10 p.m. He noted that Rick was participating by phone. He asked Gabriel Vega, a new department market conduct examiner, to introduce himself and the rest of the group introduced themselves to him. Gabriel retired from Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, became an independent agent for two and a half years before coming to work for the department.

General Session (Open to the Public)

• Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Rick made the motion to adopt the minutes. Wayne seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in its favor.

• Approval of Recommended Actions from Executive Session

Rick made the motion to approve the application of Real Bail Bonds. Dominic seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in its favor.

- New Business
 - o Legislation, HB403, Bailbond Amendment
 - Perri noted that this bill passed. Dominic said he went to the committee meetings and worked for a consensus with the prosecutors and court administrators. The changes were minor. The bill redefined some terms to make it easier to process forfeitures. Darren Brady asked what happened in the case of a plea and abeyance? Rick thought courts would want to get off the hook. If a sentencing bond is posted it is considered a new bond.
 - o Cathy said the department had received an inquiry regarding a **business practice**. If someone other than a licensed bail bondsman delivers a bond to a jail should that person be licensed? It was noted that every jail and sometimes each shifts can each have a different policy regarding this. Mike said that as long as the person delivering the bond does nothing more than deliver it, a license should not be needed. If getting or giving information and relaying it on, then there may be a problem. Dominic

- would like to see uniformity in the way bonds are delivered. Wayne thought the question should be, "Are jails being fair, using the same procedures with everyone?
- o **Department Changes**: As of last week Darrel was made the director of the new Market Conduct Division.
- o Wayne asked if the department **personnel card** could be updated? Jilene will have it for the next meeting.

Old Business

- O Dominic asked Tracy how many sureties had sent in their **new bond forms**? Tracy said about 10. They are due May 1st. She will check with Mickey about sending a reminder in April. Wayne asked if the department received many "Wrong Address" notices after their mailings? Tara said quite a few came back recently after requesting financial information. The department fines licensees for not notifying the them within 30 days of a move.
- o **Perri** asked that the next agenda include a review by her of changes in the open meetings act. The change is effective May 1st.

Adjourn

Rick moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Wayne seconded the motion.

Next Meeting

April 19, 2006, Room 4112, State Office Building

Future Meetings

Jan. 18, Rm 7	May 17, Rm 4112	Sep. 20, Rm 4112
Feb. 15, Rm 7	Jun. 21, Rm 4112	Oct. 18, Rm 4112
Mar. 15, Rm 4112	Jul. 19, Rm 4112	Nov. 15, Rm 4112
Apr. 19, Rm 4112	Aug. 16, Rm 4112	Dec. 20, Rm 4112